

Presidents Status Report

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Greetings All

We are now finishing our first six months and are finishing off the last minute time- consuming steps – but necessary steps to say “we are established”. There is the Draft Constitution out for comments – we are now working with a lawyer so we are properly incorporated and busy establishing and solidifying our contacts in the rest of Canada – so we are a truly national veteran’s organization. Our NATO Vet Adjutant is spending with Betty Goodison hours every day on the necessary administrative matters

Now we have the challenge of how to hold an AGM using the existing Constitution. It is difficult to hold a meeting under existing old Constitution of everyone in Fredericton when we have over 1000 members coast to coast. Our Regional coordinator Doug Brunton along with Gerry Bryan is trying to figure out a way to conduct AGM and will be contacting regions for suggestions.

Next we have the challenge and frustration of some members who want to get us immediately into areas that quite frankly we are not yet organizationally prepared yet for – taking a strong advocacy position on one of many veteran issues that are out there. We have our VP Matt Carson drawing up a NATO Strategy Paper that will address what our role is to be and how this role will be carried out by NATO Veterans Org. What is our role – is it to be the “*Voice for NATO Veterans*” or for all post Korean War veterans or?

We realize this is the summer period and “things will slow down” .But we can’t let things slow down too much. For the AGM in Oct we really have to begin now to first of all figure out howso please keep at it. We continue to grow .and our next step – after the items above –is recruiting! We aim for 2000 as a minimum by the end of the year!